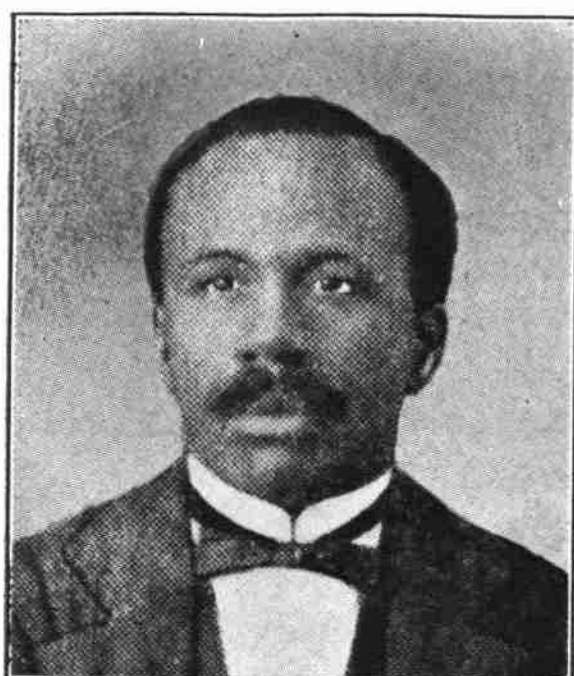


Hawkinsville Rural and Industrial School, Hawkinsville, Ala.

W. D. Floyd, Principal



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HAWKINSVILLE RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, HAWKINSVILLE, ALA.

HAWKINSVILLE RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL was founded in 1899 by W. D. Floyd, who is still the principal. The school has property valued at \$1,200, with annual expenses of about \$850, secured from the state and other friends. In 1908, there were 89 male and 100 female students, the average age of the students being ten to eleven years.

The thought of bettering the conditions of educational interests in Hawkinsville originated among the trustees of the school. They decided to have but one school, and that located in the center of the township, and to have a longer term and better teachers, thus securing more satisfactory results. In 1899, the school had its beginning, with the present teacher and 22 pupils, as the Hawkinsville High School, the name having been changed to its present title.

The school is healthfully located, one mile from the village, four miles from the Montgomery & Eufaula Railroad. The chief object of the school is the extension and improvement of industrial education as a means

of opening better and wider avenues of employment to colored young men and women. For the training of pupils in parliamentary usages there is a literary society. Each morning in the chapel there are devotions. At this meeting, visitors are given an opportunity to speak to the pupils. The students are constantly reminded of the dignity of labor. The academic side is considered equally important. The endeavor is to give such an education as will lift the mental, moral, religious, and economic life of the students. As a result, communities in which the students make their homes see the benefits of education.

The school is carried on eight months each year, and 3 teachers are employed at an average salary of \$19 per month. The government furnishes money to partly pay one teacher six months.



COOKING CLASS